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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State-Certification of  
Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 CFR  
§ 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 CFR § 54.314, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Pa. PUC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Pa. PUC certifies for the carriers listed that, based on the Pa. PUC's review of each carrier's 2019 FCC Form 481 submission, all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Pennsylvania was used in the preceding calendar year (2018) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup>

The Pa. PUC once again states that the removal of information regarding (1) network outages, (2) unfulfilled service requests, (3) the number of complaints received by an ETC per 1,000 subscribers for voice and broadband services, and

<sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

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(4) pricing for voice and broadband service following the FCC's *ETC Annual Reports and Certification Order*<sup>2</sup> makes it difficult for state commissions to evaluate whether federal funding is being used for its intended purposes; this is information that Pennsylvania has annually compared against reporting from other FCC Forms (e.g., FCC Form 555) that the Pa. PUC receives as well as informal complaints and inquiries received by the Pa. PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services. Without this information being required of ETCs, there is next to nothing on FCC Form 481 for the Pa. PUC to review in certifying carriers' eligibility to receive federal high-cost funding. Notwithstanding the lack of such information, the Pa. PUC certifies the following ETCs:

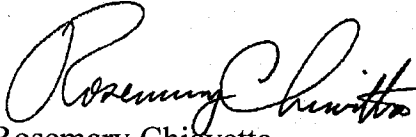
Study Area Code	Company
170178	Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC
154534	Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.
170161	Commonwealth Telephone Company
170152	Frontier Communications Canton, LLC
170149	Frontier Communications Breezewood, LLC
170194	Frontier Communications Oswayo River, LLC
170168	Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC
179013	YourTel America Inc.
179033	Tri-Co Connections, LLC
170192	North Penn Telephone Company
170195	Armstrong Telephone Company North
170189	Armstrong Telephone Company
170156	Citizens Telephone Company of Kecksburg
170193	Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company
170185	Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company
170191	North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company
170196	Palmerton Telephone Company
170197	Pennsylvania Telephone Company
170200	Pymatuning Telephone Company
170210	Venus Telephone Corporation
170277	West Side Telecommunications
170209	The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC
170171	Hickory Telephone Company
170175	Ironton Telephone Company
170183	Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of Connect America Fund ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58 (FCC 17-87) (released July 7, 2017) (Based on the record before us, we find that we can eliminate all elements of the Commission's annual high-cost reporting rules on which we sought comment without compromising our ability to monitor whether ETCs are using high-cost universal service support for its intended purpose).

Study Area Code	Company
170206	Sugar Valley Telephone Company
170179	Laurel Highland Telephone Company
170215	Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company
170205	South Canaan Telephone Company
170177	Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services, Inc.
179011	TracFone Wireless, Inc.
170170	Verizon North LLC – Contel
170201	Verizon North LLC – Quaker State
175000	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
170169	Verizon North LLC
170145	Bentleyville Telephone Company
170176	Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC
170165	Windstream D&E, Inc.
170162	Windstream Conestoga, Inc.
170151	Windstream Buffalo Valley, Inc.
179021	Telrite Corporation
179019	TAG Mobile LLC
179007	Limitless Mobile, LLC
178010	T-Mobile Northeast LLC
179024	Amerimex Communications Corp.
179020	Qlink Wireless LLC
179030	American Broadband & Telecommunications Company
179029	I-Wireless, LLC d/b/a Access Wireless
179027	Sage Telecom Communications LLC
179031	Boomerang Wireless LLC
179014	T-Mobile USA Inc.
179012	Virgin Mobile USA, LP
179018	Global Connection Inc. of America d/b/a Stand Up Wireless

Please direct any questions to Spencer Nahf, Fixed Utility Financial Analyst, Bureau of Technical Utility Services (TUS) at (717) 787-5164, or Colin W. Scott, Assistant Counsel, Law Bureau, at (717) 787-5000.

Sincerely,

  
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